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On July 11, 1995, Peter Dukor, a member of the Editorial Board of International Archives of Allergy and Immunology, died pre-maturely from cancer.

Peter was born on January 29, 1937, in Basel, where he also received his MD. After a short postdoctoral stage at the Department of Dermatology at the University of Basel, Medical School, doing research in radiobiology, he pursued immunological training at the Department of Experimental Pathology in the Laboratory of J.F.A.P. Miller at the Chester Beatty Research Institute, London, where he worked on problems of thymic function and the experimental pathology of immunodeficiency. He then became a research scientist in the Pathology Research Department of the Pharmaceuticals Division,

Ciba-Geigy Ltd., Basel, where he shifted the emphasis of his work to his later main field of research, i.e. immunopharmacology, immunosuppression and immunologic tolerance.

Subsequently, as a research associate at the Department of Medicine, Division of Cell Biology and Cytogenetics in the Laboratory of G. Weissmann, NYU, School of Medicine, New York, he was engaged in experimental research in inflammation and cellular immunology with emphasis on macrophage function, lysosomes and complement receptors on lymphocytes. Returning to Basel, he became Head of the Immunology Section, Research Department of the Pharmaceuticals Division, Ciba-Geigy Ltd., where he continued his research on cellular immunology and initiated a pharmacological program on adjuvants and immunostimulants. He then assumed responsibility for preclinical pharmacology and clinical phase I/IIa programs for immunostimulants, immunopathology, monoclonals, and anticancer and antiviral agents. From

1980 to 1981, Peter Dukor was Head of the Biology Research Department of Ciba-Geigy, and his responsibilities in this function were extended to programs in the neurosciences, cardiovascular pharmacology, anti-inflammation, anti-allergies, infectious diseases, oncology, endocrinology, metabolism, immunology and immunopharmacology. Finally, in 1987, he became the Head of the Sandoz Research Institute (Sandoz Forschungsinstitut, SFI) in Vienna, Austria, geared towards drug discovery and predevelopmental research in immunodeficiency diseases, synthetic immunostimulants, hematopoietic growth factors, anti-tumor antibodies, retroviral diseases, and -most recently – skin diseases.

Due to his excellent scientific background, his organizational capacities, his outstanding record in science, his fast grasp of important scientific issues and capability to oversee and combine knowledge from different fields, Peter Dukor was the ideal catalyst between basic and applied science, between economic and industrial research and, above all, between individuals with a very different outlook on science in general and immunology in particular.

I met Peter Dukor on many occasions, both professionally and privately, and still remember two particular evenings we spent together, the first on one of the very first days after he had moved from Basel to Vienna, and the second in his house about 1 year later. On the first occasion Peter was, of course, not yet integrated into his new environment and mentioned his first experiences with the very special Austrian way of life that differs so fundamentally from, e.g. that in Switzerland. I told him that his open-minded, humorous, competent and diplomatic attitude would certainly result in making him an 'Austrian of choice' within a very short time and that he would feel at home very soon. A year later he was most enthusiastic about his achievements in reorganizing the SFI in Vienna and about his private and cultural life in this city. Peter made the SFI one of the important extrauniversity research institutions of Austria and he attracted many young and gifted collaborators. He also established close links with the university via very original structural and organizational ties.

International Archives of Allergy and Immunology loses a very competent, gifted, original and reliable member of its Editorial Board, and we all lose a good friend.

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